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THE APATHY OF THE PEOPLE.

ANTIOCH, July 4th, 1884.

When we take into consideration the importance of education, from a social or national point of view, we are ready to exclaim, is it possible, is it reasonable, that the people feel no interest in the education of their children? Could we unveil the future and show to them what their children's position in the social circle will be in years to come, when from under a father's care and the influence of a mother's love, they would stand horrified and broken hearted at the sight. Yet it may be the sad fate of your child, you who take so little interest in its welfare, for you must remember that ignorance creates vice, and is the father of superstition and error.

What father will admit that he is training his son to fill a convict's cell or a felon's grave? Where is the mother who would for one moment harbor the thought that her daughter is in training for a life of disgrace and shame? The bare idea is horrible, too horrible to think upon, yet remember, dear parents, you are unconsciously giving them their first start in that direction.

Now there is a cause for this apathy, not one but many, and while I may not give the main cause, I wish to point out what I regard as some of the principal causes in this case.

1st. Inferior or low grade of teachers, I mean as to qualifications. These people are in a great measure responsible for. Some favorite in a neighborhood has nothing to do, or perhaps too proud or too lazy to work, or it may be they wish to engage in some other business, or may want to marry and have not the means, they apply for the school, their friends urge their claim, the trustees know that the applicant is not qualified but it is one of our neighbors, or on any one can teach our school, ask the examiners not to be too strict, and all they wish is for him or her to teach this one school. The examiners, not caring nor having any interest in the matter, and having too much goodness of heart to refuse, after a mere formal examination grant a certificate, and lo, another teacher(?) made.

The next cause I will notice is the trustees, and here the people are alone to blame, for as they say about the teacher as about the trustees, "any one can act as trustee" and if it were true in the teacher's case it would be in this, but if the people would only try it for one year, select the best men they have for trustees, and give them to understand that they wanted a teacher, and not a mere puppet or makeshift, and then see that their children went daily to school, provided with the proper books, and above all encourage and stand by the teacher by words and deeds, treat him as your friend and as one in whose care you have placed the welfare and interest of your children, in other words, do your whole duty, I venture the assertion at the end of the year you would be agreeably surprised.

Another cause is the ignorance of the people in regard to the school laws, and their privileges and duties under that law, and here I fear we as teachers fail in one of our duties, for I believe that the teacher should familiarize himself with the law and then preach it to the people until they became familiar with it and understood their duties. This I think would awaken an interest in school matters that would surprise most of us; this would necessitate the visiting of the patrons by the teacher, which is a very important duty. I fear I have trespassed too much upon your space, and will close by hoping that others will give us their views on this important subject.

MORE ANON.

PROGRAMME.

Of the Franklin County Teachers Association, to be held in Public School Building, Frankfort, Saturday, August 16th, 1884, at 10 o'clock a. m.:

1st. The Relation of Teacher and Patron, by Col. Thos. B. Ford.

2d. Essay—Text Books—Miss Minnie Gaines.

3d. Best method of teaching Arithmetic, by Henry Placel.

4th. Effects of good school houses on schools, by W. H. Parrent.

5th. Essay—The School Teacher—Miss Sarah Bell.

6th. Best method of teaching spelling, by Prof. S. P. Browder.

7th. Select poem—Miss Ruth Robinson.

8th. General discussion.

THOS. HUNTER,

C. H. PARRENT,

T. E. UTTERBACK,

Committee.

Polegrove.

Blackberries are scarce in this vicinity.

Miss Annie Kersey, who has been visiting her father and mother, returned home Sunday.

We were out in the country last week and saw corn and tobacco along the road that looked fine, but the weeds looked better.

Mr. Richard Head, son of Mr. J. S. Head, Monterey, has been visiting his sister, Mr. W. M. Combs. He returned home Sunday.

Mrs. W. P. Lawrence, who has been visiting her uncle, John Harrod and family, and Mrs. Wm Combs, returned home Sunday.

The funeral of Mr. Lonnie Harrod's wife was preached at the church at this place Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, by Rev. J. A. Peters, of the Baptist denomination. Rev. Dr. Struve preached in the afternoon and night.

We have but one boat now in the trade running from Louisville to Frankfort. We guess she will advocate the high tariff on things which are imported from Louisville up the Kentucky river as long as she has full sway.

The Steamer Fannie Freese passed down on the 4th of July with a lively crowd of excursionists. They camped at Cedar Lock, in the U. S. buildings, spread their table and had a regular jollification, and went rejoicing on their way home.

The finest game of base ball that we have had this season was played here Saturday afternoon. M. T. Eclipse vs. Six Mile Sluggers. The home club came out victorious. Six innings were played without a score, but in the next three innings the visitors got in 8 and the home team 16. Come down again, Six Miles, when you want the thing put on you.

We have got the finest crop of babies in this country that we ever saw. We saw at church Sunday morning, well we will not over-estimate and say one hundred, but we think we could say fifty more and not miss it much. We can not sing much, and we have not the money to buy an organ, and it is well and good that we should have some kind of music.

One of our neighbors was on a visit to Monterey the other day, and told a gentleman of that place that he would give him a turn of corn if he would send him a sack. The Monterey gent said he would and he did send a sack. I have never seen such a sack as it was. He got two 3 1/2 bushel meal bags, cut the end out of one of them and sewed them together. Bro J. H. was to send it to mill and have it ground for the Monterey gent and he was not satisfied with the 7 bushel sack, but sent a pillow slip along to put in enough corn to pay the toll at the mill. If anyone thinks that is unreasonable we will just refer them to the miller at Cedar Lock, W. F. Lawler. Corn don't cost much. We grow it down here. Send up Mr. S. S., and get another turn next July when that gives out. But bear in mind, when we give corn away again we will state the number of barrels that we have got to donate.

CAPTAIN.

Antioch.

Wheat harvest over; oats next. Wheat reported fine.

Thomas Hunter visited friends at North Fork this county.

Miss Lillie Goins left last Sunday on a visit to relatives in Shelby and Jefferson counties.

Antioch to the front again. Married, in Jeffersonville, Ind, July the 3d, Mr. Joseph Tutt and Miss Jennie Quire. Next.

Sunday-school at Antioch every Sunday at half past nine a. m. Let all the parents come and bring their children. Come everybody and welcome.

Misses Mary Lee and Nora Gore and Master George Gore, spent last Saturday and Sunday with their Uncle Mr. Newt Halle, over the river.

Mr. Chas. Semones and Master Chas. S., Jr. of Tucker's Branch, and Wesley McQuillan and lady were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Semones Sunday.

Mrs. Lucy Hoard and son, William, and Mr. A. R. Maddox, of Middletown, Jefferson county, were the guests of Mrs. H.'s sister, Mrs. Noah Goins, this week.

Mr. John Flynn and Miss Sallie Hopper visited Mr. James Flynn and

family, of Cedar Run, last Saturday. Miss Sallie ought to have enjoyed the visit, as it is said she walked farther to find her horse than she rode after she found it.

We are requested to call the attention of the president of the F. & F. C. pike to the condition of the pike between Stoney and Flat Creeks. It is said that there are trees across it in places and it is in a miserable condition generally, and don't forget the bridges.

The Teachers' Association met last Saturday and had a very interesting meeting. The essay of Miss Merna and the selected piece of Miss Ward were beautiful and appropriate. Mrs. Franklin, on primary education, was excellent, and Col. Allen's address—well, all who know the Colonel know that he gives a good one when he tries. The next meeting, the 3d Saturday in August, promises to be very interesting, and it is to be hoped that every teacher in the county will be present.

In conversation with a citizen of Frankfort the other day, he remarked that there were a large number of young men and boys in that place who had to work daily for their support, and could not attend the day school, thus being cut out of the advantages of an education. He also stated that the city was paying a teacher \$50 dollars a year to teach a training class. Now which is of the most importance to the city, the education of these young men and boys or the training of a few young ladies as teachers? We don't object to the training class; it is a noble and praiseworthy object, and is in the right hands, but it does seem to us that if the city would run a night school with that \$500 it would have been a more charitable and worthy act. Come, you are trying to put on city airs, now add this noble feature to your lists, and educate your deserving young men. The greatest good to the greatest number applies very well in this case.

NIX.

Bridgeport.

The farmers have about all finished laying by corn.

We report several cases of cholera morbus this week.

Prayer meeting at Franklin Church every Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Dr. Bartlet, of Lexington, will preach at Franklin Church to-morrow afternoon at 3 1/2 o'clock.

Messrs. W. F. and J. B. Russell and R. D. Armstrong have been in Louisville this week.

Our proposition in last week's ROUNDABOUT, "Resolve, that the present method of examination of teachers is a farce," was not intended to reflect on the efficiency of our worthy County Commissioner but simply to draw out the leading educators on this question. A better way perhaps to put it would be "Resolve that the decision of the Attorney General requiring the re-examination of teachers is unjust."

Following is the proceedings of the Franklin County Teachers Association held in the Public School Building, Frankfort, last Saturday:

Met at 10 o'clock, Vice President T. E. Utterback in the chair. Prayer by Col. R. D. Allen. The first subject in the programme, "The object of the County Teachers Association," was discussed by Col. Allen. His remarks throughout were replete with sound thought, and the only regret is that all the teachers in the county were not present to enjoy this intellectual feast.

Essays by Miss Mary Merna on "School Discipline," Mrs. Agnes Franklin, on "How to teach the primary branches," and Miss Lillie Ward on "Select Reading." These ladies handled their subjects in such a manner as to reflect credit on themselves and honor to the cause.

Mrs. Mary T. Runyan, being present, made a few remarks seconding the course pursued by Mrs. Franklin in teaching the primary branches. On the whole the meeting was a decided success.

Conundrum.

Editor Roundabout:

Will some of your readers please answer the following question:

A gentleman in this section has his second wife, he and his son married half-sisters. The father has an infant son and the son an infant daughter. Now what relation are the parties to each other—father and son, their wives and their children? I don't believe Jumbo, Minus Nemo, You Know, or any of the balance of your numerous correspondents can solve the problem.

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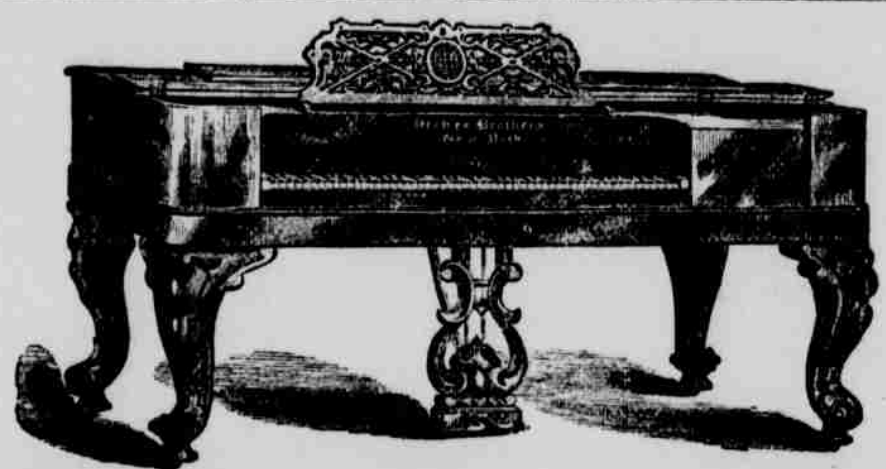
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